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As we are well away in the New Year let us take for our motto the sentiments expressed in the following verse:

LOOKING AND OVERLOOKING

If we notice little pleasures
As we notice little pains ;
If we quite forget our losses
And remember all our gains ;
If we looked for people's virtues,
And their faults refused to see,
What a comfortable, happy,
Cheerful place this world would be!

—Unknown.

The B.C.M.C. Photographic Competition and Exhibition at the B.C. Art Galleries, 649 Seymour St.

Suitable prizes will be awarded the best photos in the following:

1. Best group of three contact prints. Any subject.
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6. Genre or figure picture (enlargement).
7. Animal or bird (enlargement).
8. Night scene (contact or enlargement).
9. Panorama (contact only).

Not more than three prints or enlargements of each of the above classes allowed in competition.

Enlarged prints welcomed for exhibition, must be suitably mounted. No limit to number to be shown.

The Photographic Exhibition Committee found it necessary to change the date of the Exhibition to March 17th, owing to the impossibility of obtaining satisfactory accommodation for the dates as announced in a previous issue of the Bulletin. The new dates are Monday, March 17th to Saturday, March 29th, inclusive. Open 11 a.m. till 7 p.m. daily, Saturday till 9.30 p.m.

Mounted prints may be left at the following places up to March 15th with:

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Remember the Club Dance of February 28th. White Rose Ballroom. Particulars in the next issue of the Bulletin.

SOME OF THE FLOWERS OF
CROWN MOUNTAIN

By F. Perry

Crown Mountain is one of our most noticeable local mountains. None the less for its interesting and thrilling rock climbs (especially on that part called "the Camel"), than many beautiful flowers that are found on its slopes and rocks. Climbing the mountain from the head of the divide between Goat Mountain and Crown there is to be found a flower (white, one of the smallest in our mountains). It is curious because it is a remnant of a once common group, Mare's tail, or botanically *Hippuris montana* (Ledeb.). It may often be confused with that extremely common *Spiraea*, *Lutkea pectinata* (Pursh) for it strongly resembles a seedling *Spiraea*; its flowers (although minute) are extremely beautiful and arise in the axils of its tiny leaves.

The Queen's Cup lily, or *Clintonia uniflora* (Kunth) is common at the beginning of the steep trail. Another common companion is that little trailer with its strawberry-like flower and habit. *Rubus pedatus* (Smith). The bright coral red fruit of this plant makes it very attractive in the late summer.

At the rocky bluffs the first plant that strikes the eye is that uncommon flower, the Mountain *Spiraea*, or *Spiraea densiflora* (Nutt) whose numerous small, dense, rose coloured clusters of flowers mark it as a close relative of the common Hardhack; as an associate of the Mountain *Spiraea*, none could afford a more striking contrast than the common hare-bell, or *Campanula rotundifolia* (L.).

On the edges of a little creek over which we passed was that showy yellow flower, *Arnica latifolia* (Bong) along with that fine white flowered *Saxifrage parnassus palustris* (L.). As the saddle is approached the white *Rhododendron* or *Rhododendron albiflorum* (Hook) is commonly met with. We then come to the very common heather or rather false heather, the stem of which, when crushed by the iron-clad shoes of the mountaineer, gives off that fine aromatic odor, which is very noticeable on sunny days by the climber. Two species are found on Crown Mountain, *phyllodoce empetroformis* (Don) and *phyllodoce glanduliflorus* (Hook) the former red, while the latter is greenish yellow. On the edges of a small pool on the way to the peak is found the hardy saxifrage, *Saxifraga Tolmiei* (T. & G.) named after the father of the present premier of B.C. (Dr. Tolmie, who was an enthusiastic amateur botanist). This hardy plant is the smallest of all the saxifrages. The writer has observed the plant blooming under icy water in Garibaldi Park in August and it is the most typical snow patch plant, that is, the plants which inhabit those areas in which the snow lingers longest. On the peak itself, *Saxifraga bronchialis* (L), common saxifrage, is conspicuous with its white orange-spotted flowers, while our old friend, the Juniper, *juniperous prostrata* (pers.), the fruit of which is used to flavor Gin, is recorded; a few feet below the peak in the deep crevices of the rock, that fine Composite, *Luina hypoleuca* (Benth) is found; this is the only spot in the local mountains that this beautiful creamy coloured composite has been recorded. Its fine white

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tomentose leaves below, and green above, gives it, when waving in the breeze, a dignity all its own. Its close neighbour is the scarlet monkey flower, *mimulus Lewisii* (Pursh) so common to the Black Tusk meadows of Garibaldi Park. A few plants of that hardy old friend, the Yarrow, *Achillia millefolium* (L) was in evidence. The plant is supposed to possess many virtues, one of which was as an ingredient in the making of beer. On the western edges of what is falsely known as the Crater, the fireweed or *Epilobium agustifolium* (L) is found. The area has been much burned over, which probably accounts for its presence; the root of this grated and made into a poultice was much used by the Indians for wounds and sores. A few plants of the wintergreen, *pyrola chlorantha* (Swartz) with greenish yellow flowers are to be found here, while lower down, in the marshy spots of the Saddle, are to be found the marsh marigold, *Caltha leptosepla* (D.C.) whose white flowers (tinged with blue on the outside) is a common sight to all observant mountaineers. The Mitrewort, *mitella Brewerii* (Gray) with its somewhat cobwebby hairs on the stalks of the flowers, has to be looked for and the search will well repay the mountaineer and the pear leaf on *Leptarrhena pyrolifolia* (Ser) the bright red fruits of which are much more showy than the comparatively insignificant white flowers, are most attractive. This plant can be looked for in all alpine marshes and should be cultivated for its brilliant fruits. Another plant that is to be found on the edges of the alpine forest on Crown Mountain is the Mountain Ash or the Rowan tree (that is the B.C. representative). *Pyrus sitchensis* (Rohn). This plant

is a favorite with many Indians of the North; the bark of the roots, and sometimes the inner bark of the stem (collected at any time of the year), boiled for an hour, and the hot decoction, weak or strong (preferably the latter) taken internally for stomach trouble or rheumatism will, it is said, effect a cure in from one to seven days. Sometimes the bark was chewed for the relief of colds. While the writer does not guarantee any of the foregoing cures, he considers it well to mention them in connection with our mountain flowers and it is well to bear in mind that many of our mothers used many such "homely" remedies. There are many species of blueberries on Crown Mountain, a botanical description of which would weary the reader; the flowers, however, are always a welcome sight to the climber in late June and early July when their pink and white blossoms are always in evidence on comparatively bare stems. Sufficient has been written to interest all frequenters of Crown Mountain in its fine flowers, for it should be borne in mind that the climbing of peaks and dizzy crags should not be the final object of the mountaineer but rather in the observation and study of all the conditions and features that go to make up our interesting mountain areas.

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**SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING HELD
NOVEMBER 27th, HOTEL GEORGIA.**

Mr. F. W. Johnson was in the Chair with fourteen Club members present.

The meeting was called to discuss the attitude of the Club toward the formation of the proposed Garibaldi Park Association.

It was moved by Mr. Perry that the Club endorse the Association's efforts to preserve the beauties of Garibaldi Park, but strongly oppose an automobile road into the Park. This was seconded by Mr. Westall and carried. Mr. Dodds then proposed that the Secretary notify, in writing, the Secretary of the Garibaldi Park Association before their General Meeting of November 29th. Carried.

It was moved by Mr. Watts and seconded by Mr. Dodds that Mr. Perry represent the Club at the Association's meeting on November 29th.

Meeting of the Garibaldi Park Association scheduled for November 29th postponed indefinitely.

Failing to get a full report of the Special Meeting for December's issue, this was left over for January.—Ed.

It seems a pity that no more than fourteen members think it worth while to turn out to a Special General Meeting, these meetings cost money and we should like a little support please.—Ed.

COMING EVENTS OF IMPORTANCE

January 18-19. From the Cabin. Trip to Crown Mountain. Leader, A. Spouse; endman, L. C. Ford.

January 25-26. M. M. Dodds will give a lecture on the Trees and Shrubs of the Cabin Trail. 8.30 Saturday evening at the Cabin.

February 2nd. Hollyburn Peak. Leader, C. Dawson; endman, F. W. Johnson. West Vancouver ferry, Sunday a.m.

See the list at Kodak Store for particulars.

February 8-9. Social at the Cabin in charge of H. O'Connor.

**GOAT MOUNTAIN CLIMB OF
DECEMBER 1st**

A trip to this section in early winter usually means plenty of soft snow, heavy trail breaking and all the interests and hazards of a winter's climb. However, owing to the unusual drought this season and the lateness of the snowfall, the party of six, who arrived at the cabin Saturday night were fortunate in having a beautiful summer-like day for their outing. Although a dense fog hid the city above the one-thousand foot elevation, we had clear blue sky and bright sunshine all day. Leaving the Cabin at 8.30 Sunday morning, the usual route was followed over to the slopes of Dam, where we were joined by Brick Spouse, who came over on the early ferry. We reached the summit of Goat Peak at noon and a leisurely hour and more was spent basking in the sunshine on the warm rocks while looking over the heavy clouds which enveloped the Gulf from Vancouver Island right up the broad Fraser Valley to the mountains beyond. All appeared as one vast Polar ice field with the few high points shining through as islands.

The return was made by the same route, stopping at P. L.'s Cabin on Goat Ridge for a short chat and refreshing drink, continuing on to the Cabin where we arrived at 3.30 p.m. Those fortunate enough to make such a delightful trip in a summer-like atmosphere were Misses Frankie Riddock and Teddy Sproule, and Phoebe Chambers; Messrs. D. Baker, J. Irving, A. Spouse, H. Sommerville, leader; F. Brownsword, endman. B. De Long, J. Dunseith, W. Weaver, graduating members.

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